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SUBJECT: CVL

FOR AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVID NEWSOM AND ASSISTANT AID
ADMINISTRATOR SAMUEL ADAMS ONLY FROM BLAKE

1. ON RETURNING HERE I LEARNED THAT DESPITE EARLIER UNDERSTANDING,
WE ARE NOW ASKING MALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PAY OUT OF LOAN FUNDS
\$90,000 FOR RE- EQUIPING CVL REQUIRED AS RESULT INITIAL FAULTY
INSTALLATION BY BREZINA. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ONLY COSTS WE
WILL NOW PAY FROM GRANT FUNDS ARE THOSE COVERING CONTRACT FOR
DALY' S ENGINEERING SERVICES. I CONSIDER THIS A POOR WAY TO
TREAT MALIANS.

2. ORIGINALLY I HAD (OR THOUGHT I HAD) AID/ W' S AGREEMENT TO PAY
FROM GRANT FUNDS ALL COSTS OF PUTTING RIGHT BREZINA' S SHODDY
WORK. MALIANS RECEIVED SAME IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON. ARGUMENT
WAS LATER MADE BY AID/ W THAT WHILE EARLIER IT HAD BEEN THOUGHT
APPROPRIATE TO PAY THESE EXPENSES FROM GRANT FUNDS, IT NOT
LONGER POSSIBLE BECAUSE GOM SUIT AGAINST BREZINA (WHICH WE IN-
STIGATED) MIGHT THUS BE PREJUDICED (STATE 180725).
NOT THAT THIS SUIT BEING DROPPED ON AID/ W ADVICE, REASON FOR
NOT PAYING ALL COSTS CVL REPAIRS FROM GRANT FUNDS HARDLY SEEMS
VALID. THUS, ORIGINAL ARGUMENT THAT IT UNJUST TO ASK GOM TO
PAY TWICE FOR WORK AND MACHINERY SHOULD AGAIN BE DETERMING.
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3. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THIS DECISION BE REVIEWED AND THAT
TOTAL EXPENSES DALY RE- EQUIPMENT JOB BE MET OUT OF GRANT FUNDS.
I SHOULD ADD THAT WHILE MY ARGUMENT FOR GRANT FUNDS BASED ON
ELEMENTARY JUSTICE, THERE IS ANOTHER FACTOR: MALIANS OBVIOUSLY
UNHAPPY ABOUT BEING ASKED TO PAY TWICE. IF THIS ACTUALLY
HAPPENS, THIS WILL REAP FOR US NOT ONLY ILL WILL, BUT ALSO
POSSIBLY SOME UNFORTUNATE PUBLICITY.

4. DECONTROL SEPTEMBER 23, 1973.
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